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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT [redacted]

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

DATE OF CONTENT [redacted]

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 15 May 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

[redacted]

CB - converted boxcar, B - boxcar, F - flatcar, RRY - heavy-duty flatcar

1. Troop trains [redacted]

Number of Troop Trains	From	To
2	Merseburg	Eisenach
6 or 7	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt
10 to 12	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
2	Rueckmarsdorf	Schwepnitz
1	Rueckmarsdorf	Brambach, Adorf
5	Eilenburg	Schwepnitz
undetermined	Brandis	Schwepnitz
undetermined	Altenburg	Altengrabow

On 23 April, the troop transportation movements in the Halle railroad district were completed.[1]

2. [redacted] troop trains [redacted]

Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
12	15 CB, 9 B, 33 F	Parchim	Wittstock
	1 CB, 1 B, 12 RRY	Parchim	Dranse
	10 CB, 10 B, 13 F, 6 RRY	Perleberg	Dranse
	4 CB, 10 B, 9 F, 10 RRY	Perleberg	Dranse
	13 CB, 1 B, 32 F	Ludwigslust	Wittstock
	13 CB, 12 B, 34 F	Ludwigslust	Wittstock
13	5 CB, 27 B, 25 F	Parchim	Wittstock
	14 CB, 7 B, 4 RRY	Parchim	Wittstock
	6 CB, 20 F	Perleberg	Wittstock
	14 B, 37 F	Perleberg	Dranse
	34 F, ??	Ludwigslust	Dranse
	3 CB, 3 B, 48 F	Ludwigslust	Dranse
15	4 CB, 4 B, 34 F	Perleberg	Wittstock

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Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
15	5 CB, 2 B, 21 F	Perleberg	Dranse
	4 CB, 4 B, 31 F	Ludwigslust	Wittstock
	16 CB, 4 B, 24 F	Ludwigslust	Dranse
	4 CB, 3 B, 8 F, 11 RRY	Parchim	Dranse
	4 CB, 12 B, 25 F, 5 RRY	Parchim	Wittstock
	3 CB, 7 B, 26 F	Perleberg	Wittstock
16	6 CB, 4 B, 50 F	Perleberg	Wittstock
	10 CB, 19 F	Ludwigslust	Dranse
	5 CB, 16 B, 8 F, 11 RRY	Ludwigslust	Dranse
	5 CB, 7 B, 17 F, 6 RRY	Parchim	Dranse
	5 CB, 7 B, 17 F, 6 RRY	Perleberg	Dranse
17	7 CB, 8 B, ? F	Perleberg	Dranse
	2 CB, 48 F	Perleberg	Dranse
	8 CB, 10 B, 7 F, 10 RRY	Ludwigslust	Dranse
	6 CB, 9 B, 16 F	Techentin	Dranse
	3 CB, 2 B, 5 F, 11 RRY	Parchim	Dranse
	5 B, 15 F, 9 RRY	Parchim	Dranse
25X1 18	24 B, 14 F, 5 RRY	Perleberg	Dranse

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1. [redacted] Comment. These observations generally confirm previous reports on the situation 25X1 [redacted] in connection with the departure of the following units:

From Merseburg: Between 19 and 22 April 1953, the 76th Arty Brig (US) of the XXIX Gds 25X1 Mtz Rifle Corps was [redacted] leaving for the Kindel troop training grounds, where the brigade was also stationed in the summer of 1952.

From Wittenberg: Between 14 and 20 April 1953, the 6th Gds Tank Div moved to the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds via the Forst Zinna railroad station.

From Leipzig-Schoenau: Prior to 15 April and during the night of 22 April 1953, units fro the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau allegedly were entrained; elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div probably went to Schwepnitz. A movement of units subordinate to the Eighth Gds Army from the above installation has not been identified.

From Eilenburg: Although no movements from Eilenburg were reported, it is believed that th 350th How Arty Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div moved to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds in conjunction with the movement of the other components of the division.

25X1 From Wurzen: Elements of the components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Wurzen possibly were entrained at the Brandis railroad station near Wurzen. A confirmation, however, could not yet be obtained. Army units are not stationed in Brandis.

From Altenburg: The 43rd Army Arty Brig probably left for Altengrabow; loadings were observed on 20 and 22 April 1953.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The movement of components of the 18th Mecz Div from Perleberg, Parchim and Ludwigslust to the Wittstock troop training grounds via the Dranse and Wittstock railroad stations lasted from 12 to about 23 April 1953. The entraining and unloadings 25X1 were observed [redacted] in the present report, the movement totals 31 troop trains, including 12 trains from Perleberg, 10 trains from Ludwigslust and Techentin, and 9 trains from Parchim. As the movement was not completed 25X1 on 18 April 1953, the number of troop trains seems rather high. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted]

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